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PREFACE.

THIS Work is the result of six years study, practice and close observation of the Stellar influences on the human family, and is sent forth as a living evidence of what may be accomplished at home, in the way of moral and social reformation by a pre-observation of the planetary positions at the time of the birth of a child. With these few remarks the author submits this little pamphlet to the kindly consideration of an intelligent progressive public.

THE LAWS
GOVERNING HUMAN REPRODUCTION.

The science of reproduction is a deep and interesting subject, to understand it in part is a knowledge of no little worth, but to know all of its secrets is, indeed, a wonderful gift.

The ignorance of this economy in nature has cost the world more suffering than all other evils combined; for without this knowledge human imperfections and mental deformities are inevitable. But I now entertain hopes of seeing the world in possession of a clearer understanding of these laws than was ever before known; for the time has fully come when the propagation of lewd, vicious and insane human beings should cease. It always has been the case that children were the products of passion and chance and unless the more intelligent class of people set about to change the time honored custom it will so continue; but I hope the time will speedily come when parents will take at least as much pains to produce children free from the common deformities of life as they now do to keep the blood of their stock pure and make their business a success.

When parents learn that they can bring children into existence all of whom will be self-supporting

and make useful members of society then will they turn more of their attention to the rearing of "thoroughbred boys and less to thoroughbred bulls."

This can be done by observing the stellar laws; but in no other way. Had these laws been observed for the last century the temperance crusade movement would never have been known and common drinking would not now be practiced among the leading men of our country and drunkenness would be less frequent and temperance fanatics preying upon the credulity of the people would be compelled to seek other fields to earn their "bread and butter."

That there would be less demand for police courts asylums, poor houses and penitentiaries.

It may seem unreasonable that the parents of the unfortunate ones, thronging these places, are alone responsible for their mental and moral deformities yet they are for this reason; that they produced them under the laws of evil mental formation, which need not have been done. If this were not true then all the brothers and sisters of these inmates would be insane or vicious.

The family discrepancies are caused by the different constitutional conditions of parents during the period of gestation and these conditions are governed by the stellar influences at work on them at this particular time.

The local and relative positions of the planets are changing continually, therefore, the mental and physical conditions of people are changing in the same ratio.

The Judge on his bench or senator in congress is entitled to just the same praise for arriving at his station in life as the lunatic is for landing in the asylum and no more. While they may be styled self-made men the primary causes in both cases are to be found in the stellar influence at work on the parents before and at the time of birth. Had the parent understood these causes and governed the time of birth to suit these stellar laws then they should receive praise or blame for the condition of their children.

The original condition of the parents have a great deal to do with the mental and physical formation of their children; but the strength of the parents cannot produce great mentalities unless the planetary forces are in harmony with theirs. The degree of mental powers possessed by the parents figures largely in this matter. The highly intellectual caucasian under the same condition and circumstances will produce a higher type of manhood than the lower orders of mankind; but this very intellectual caucasian does not at all times produce his own equal while this very low order of mankind sometimes

produces his own superior. For this freak in nature no explanation has ever been given and none can be adduced other than is herein stated.

The brain is the seat of the nervous system. The nerves of the caucasian are of a much finer texture then the nerves of the semi-civilized man, therefore, the electrical currents from the planetary system effects the nerves of the caucasian much quicker then it does the dull nerves of the unrefined tribes; to illustrate, steel is a better conductor of electricity than iron because of its fineness and density. It is not possible to charge poorer metals with magnetism sufficiently to attract even a cambric needle, while a fine quality of steel when well charged will support proportionally a heavy body; now the quality of the brain gives the mental strength because of its ability to receive the electric current which excites it into action.

The quality of the brain is produced by concentrating the fine mental powers of male and female in a child under the most favorable planetary influences.

If the male and female are of the highest caste and the birth takes place under the most favorable stellar influences then will the child possess a superior quality of brain, also, an intellect superior to its parents; but the question might be asked are not chil-

dren often born under these influences? The answer is they are but not of parents of the highest tpye. But few children are born of parents of refined taste and culture under the most favorable stellar influences; when this is the case then a great mind is the result. These are accidental births and these births produce the motive power that keeps the wheels of progress in motion. If the siderial influences were such that a great mind could be produced at any time, the human family would progress much faster than it does but on the contrary nature rarely offers these opportunities to parents, therefore, the production of a great mind is purely accidental.

If husbands and wives were mated from a fitness to each other taken from an astrological standpoint and the stellar laws always observed for the promotion of the race scarce one half century would pass away till our ordinary intelligence would be considered gross ignorance and the intellectual giants of to-day would dwindle away into mere pigmys and the brightest intellectual lights of those days would pale the brightest light that ever shown. If this is not true then man has arrived at the zenith of his perfection. Let me illustrate further: take the common American Indian whose brain is coarse and dull—take the brightest child of the tribe, educate him and keep him in the best circles of society till he is grown to

manhood and he will not compare favorably intellectually with the common caucasian. Then take a pair of them, male and female, and keep them under the aforesaid circumstances and under the stellar laws for the promotion of the intellectual faculties in their children for two generations and a great improvement will be noticed. I am satisfied that all will agree with me on that point but, perhaps, some will want to credit all the improvement to the civilized life, this, of course, will have its effect, but all the offspring would not be equal to their parents unless these laws were observed, and then some of them would be superior to their parents. The same rule applies to all nations and tribes.

The reason that civilized life effect the offspring is this, that the mental organs of the mother that are inflamed the most during gestation develops the corresponding organs in the child. Now if the mother is surrounded by refined and in intellectual society then her intellectual organs are kept in lively action when she is not contending with adverse stellar elements, therefore the effect would be far better than though her society was gross and unrefined. Then at birth nature would select a time to suit the former condition, be they good or bad, if the surroundings were good then a good child might be expected. *Vice Versa.*

The subject of reproduction has been discussed for time immemorial in hopes of elevating the human family to a higher intellectual and moral plane; but failure has been written on the brow of every would be reformer, not for the want of ability or energy for this they have had in superabundance, but for the lack of a knowledge of the sublime laws that controls this very energetic and enterprising business. The trouble with this so called reformer was that they attributed all the difference in children of the same parents to antenatal causes instead of seeking out some foreign agency by which to explain these wonderful differences. It always has been a mystery why children of the same parents should differ so widely mentally, morally and physically; but they do and the fact of a foreign agency in the matter cannot be denied inasmuch as children of the same flesh and blood produced under similar circumstances are very unlike and what is more striking to the close observer is that no father ever produced his own counterpart; the same can also be said of the mother

Now if the antenatal influences controls the offspring, ought not children sometimes, at least, be just like their parents. Again if the antenatal influences govern the mental and physical condition

of the children then young persons full of life and vigor ought to produce children with the brigthest intellects and the strongest constitution; if this rule still holds good then the last child of an aged couple would be intellectualy dull and physically weak, which is not the case in either instance as every one knows. Again if the idea of antenatal influence is correct why do not children of healthy parents all live to a ripe old age and children of consumptive parents all die of consumption? But instead their diseases vary as greatly as do their intellects.

Thus we see that the antenatal influences are not so powerful when figured down to a focus, as one would very naturally suppose. Once more, what causes the eyes of one child to be blue another black and the third grey, when there are only two colors at most in the eyes of the parents?

No this antenatal theory will not do; the true cause is in the stellar influences, they alone explain all things pertaining to the differentiation of the human germ, the formation and building up of the child. They alone explain why a child sometimes resembles the father, sometimes the mother and occasionally neither.

Now while I depreciate many of the so called antenatal causes I must admit that they have indirect-

ly a great deal to do with forming the human organism. When I say indirectly I mean that the stellar influences are primary and the human are secondary laws. Hence the secondary must necessarily be subjected to the primary. Therefore, I say, that from the quickening of the germ till the birth the child is depending, through the medium of the mother, on the stellar worlds for strength and vitality but after birth it depends directly on the planetary system for vital forces.

Now I shall endeavor to show cause for the various formations and developments in children of the same parents.

The human body is composed of spiritual and material elements. The visible body, or material man, is composed of earthy matter and is, therefore, of mundane origin, but the invisible, the magnetic or spiritual man is derived from the stellar orbs and is, therefore, of heavenly origin. The spiritual or magnetic element is the life sustaining principle of the body. Now the separate germs of the parents are composed of all the elements of their bodies and are perfect in all their parts as the parents are perfect at the time of conception then when united and quickened and the process of differentiation takes place, all things being equal, the child partakes equally of the father's and mother's elements; but

now comes the question: Do these elements follow the child in the same ratio during its growth and development till birth? Answer, not necessarily so, inasmuch as it feeds on exactly the same spiritual or vital food that the parents do; thus if the father, during the period of gestation, extracts from the atmosphere elements harmonious to his own, then his part of the germ will extract the same because it is yet a part of the sire and loses none of its relationship by being separated from him, for the spiritual child cannot be separated from the spiritual parents till after birth, when it becomes an independent living soul and, further, if the father receives magnetism harmonious to his own and the mother does not then will his element in the fœtus gain supremacy and the child will resemble the father but supposing at the time of conception and during gestation the mother is receiving a rich supply of harmonious magnetism and the father is contending with evil spirits then will the mother's element gain the ascendancy in the fœtus and the child will grow to the likeness of the mother; and again supposing at the time of conception and during all the period of gestation both father and mother are contending with adverse stellar elements then the child will resemble neither but be inferior to both; and again if both father and mother during this period are under beneficent influence and the planets are in a posi-

tion to produce a superior development then will the child be superior to both parents. The reason of this is that the parents are receiving elements foreign to their own and transmitting the same to the unborn child; therefore, the child is different from its parents but like them at the time of its birth. I will explain further, these elements are inhaled into the mother's lungs then by the force of attraction the elements in the blood gather like elements from the atmosphere, which are conducted by the blood to all parts of the body. Now the blood of the mother in her natural state receives only those elements conducive to her own nature but when the father's elements are infused into the mother's system then her blood receives from the lungs elements akin to both parents and transmits the same to the unborn child and thus it expands to the spirit form of father or mother or both or neither.

The form of the child is outlined by the spirit and fill out by the material; therefore if the spirit form is awkward and full of deformities then will the material build to those outlines.

This spirit is produced in the child by the effect of the stellar element that controls the parents during gestation; if the elements are inharmonious to the parents this will cause a disturbance by check-

ing the spirit growth which arrests the marterial growth in the fœtus causing a weakness if not a deformity in some part of the mind or body or both.

Now for fear that some will not get the full force of my argument I will offer an illustration not only to prove my position but to show that "truth is stranger than fiction."

Passing into the vegetable kingdom we will first examine the turnip, beet and onion from whence do they get their form, flavors and colors and why are they not all alike and what elements in nature causes their different formations? The turnip is flat and sweet, the beet is long and variegated while the onion is built of layers and has a strong burning flavor. Again I ask why these differences when they all grew in the same soil and perhaps touching each other? Who dare say that all these variations come from the soil or that dame nature is subtle enough to manufacture these and thousands of other forms and flavors and colors out of the same elements?

No, these elements come from the stellar worlds, and each planet has a spirit of its own hidden in the little germ and that spirit form is retained throughout the growth of the plant. As the spirit grows by extracting from the atmosphere elements peculiar to itself so does the material build to those

outlines. Now cut away the leaves of the plant and the growth is arrested if not wholly destroyed; for in cutting away the leaves of the plant the spirit supply is cut off; with out this heavenly spirit nothing can flourish.

Yes these elements are sufficient to produce all the phenomena we find in nature when we consider that we live in a system surrounded by hundreds of fixed stars shedding their magnetism on our earth, then a new light dawns upon our minds and when we consider further that the leaves bear the same relation to the plant that the lungs do to the human body we can better understand their power to extract from nature elements unknown to our most experienced chemist.

If any doubt the stellar laws controlling the vegetable kingdom let him explain why two or more apples can grow on the same limb of a tree and bear no resemblance to each other also let him explain how it is that the corn on two stalks one produced from a white grain the other from a yellow one can be changed into the same variety by removing the tassel from one stalk. Yet it can and, further, he may tell why the fir and pine produce pitch and the maple sprup when they grow side by side. After this explanation he may tell from whence comes the different forms, flavors and colors of the blackberry,

raspberry, currant and gooseberry to say nothing of the hundreds of other berries whose elements are equally as hard to explain.

If the planetary laws do not govern the animal kingdom then the next skeptical Theophilus may tell us how it is that ground grain alone fed to a cow will produce beef and tallow when the same kind of feed fed to a hog will produce pork and lard. Inasmuch as a revelation of the foregoing facts will be sufficient to overthrow or establish the arguments herein presented I will not press him further to explain the mutiplicity of variation found in the kingdom of fruits, nor will I demand the cause for the different colors found in the watermelons. The fact is that these mysterious things will be traced to a stellar origin; that each species of fruit will be found to have been produced under certain specific stellar influences at a stated time in the creation of the world and so long as this species did not come in contact with a kindred production it remained pure because it consumed only its original stellar element but after the development of a kindred fruit then the process of amalgamation commences. This law holds good with all the vegetable and animal kingdoms. This is the cause of so many different tribes and nationalities of people. So long as the blood is kept pure by consuming the original elements the change in tribes and nations progress very slowly but mix-

ing the blood of tribes possessing different magnetic forces combine the attractive power of the two in one. This doubles the amount of spirit or planetary forces in the person and causes a superior mental development.

The pollen of all vegetable life is the magnet that attracts the stellar elements or the spirit life of the fruit; without the pollen there can be no impregnation, hence no attraction, therefore no spirit or fruit because the earth supplies only the material the form, flavor and color comes from the stellar worlds and further without this stellar element there can be no colors inasmuch as all colors of earth comes from the stars.

The rainbow is another evidence of siderial colors. The clouds by forming a certain position to the sun light reflects the magnetic colors so forceably that it makes it possible to see the electric lights in all their varied hues. It also shows that the electrical elements are not a homogeneous mess but distinct and separate. Earth has no colors of its own unless possessing elements unknown to all other planets and fixed stars as color only shows the presence of some chemical substance.

There are twelve signs of the zodiac, viz.: Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricornus, Aquarius, Pisces; and all

persons must be born under the direct influence of two of these signs regardless of the influential planets which are 8 in number, viz.: Uranus, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Moon, Venus and Mercury. Each of the above signs and planets possess one or more elements. Now if all the planets are out of their dignities and weak by relative position then the person so born will be without ability or success in any sphere of life. But one born at a time when all the planets are strong in local and relative position he excels in all undertakings and is a stranger to the word fail.

Now the position of the planets can be ascertained nine months ahead of time and the birth governed to suit the planetary influence. This makes parents wholly responsible for the misfortune of their children.

This is only the outlines of a gigantic subject that will require time and hard study to perfect. It is new and, to some extent, may be proven theoretical. But so true as we live, the stars at the time of birth point out the path of life, let it be straight or crooked, smooth or stony the way marks are always to be found; and so sure as the stars shine in heaven, to a great extent, parents hold within their hands the destiny of their unborn children and no parents, who value the lives and prosperity of their children,

will hereafter allow them to be born by chance; no matter what it may cost they had better pay $100 to have a child born able to take care of itself than to leave it $10,000 with only the ability to squander it. They had better pay $100 to prevent the birth of a delicate sickly child than to pay $500 to have it doctored and lose it at last, or worse live a life of suffering and a burden to its friends. It would be better to pay $500 for a child that $1000 will educate than to have one born for nothing that could not be educated at any price and it would be a thousand times better that a child should not be born at all then to be confined in the mad house, lodged in the penitentiary, die with a rope around his neck or worse live a life of shame and die in the house of illfame; love and virtue, vice and passion are all transplanted in the mind from the gardens of God through the medium of the parents and if they pluck the intellect in the fullness of its strength and beauty and transplant it in the minds of their offspring it will shine like the golden grain of harvest and yield 50 or 100, yea 500 fold of mental and moral worth that shall cast an immortal lustre on this earth and vie with the eternal perfections in the college of God.

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